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For: RECOMBINANT BACTERIAL STRAIN FOR THE PRODUCTION OF NATURAL NUCLEOSIDES AND MODIFIED ANALOGUES THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of
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Sir:

Prior to examining the application please amend the subject application as follows:

In the Claims:



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Please cancel claim 32 of the subject application ~~TECH CENTER 1600/2000~~ or

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REMARKS

Applicants request entry of the Preliminary Amendment prior to examination of this application.

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